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2. QUOTE QUESTION: THE JAPANESE AND KOREAN PRESS ARE REPORTING INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES FROM U.S. SOURCES WHICH INDICATE SUBSTANTIAL N. KOREAN ARMS MANUFACTURING ABILITY, MORE SOPHISTICATED ARMS AND AIRCRAFT AND INCREASED EQUIPMENT AVAILABILITY. CAN YOU CONFIRM THESE ESTIMATES
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AND WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT VIEW OF THE MILITARY SITUATION

ON THE PENINSULA?

ANSWER: THE INFORMATION CITED IN THE "SANKEI SHIMBUN"
AND THE KOREAN PRESS ON INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES OF NORTH
KOREAN MILITARY STRENGTH DID NOT COME FROM U.S. MILITARY
SOURCES. AS YOU KNOW, IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THERE IS AN
OVERALL MILITARY BALANCE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THAT
REMAINS OUR VIEW. SISCO

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